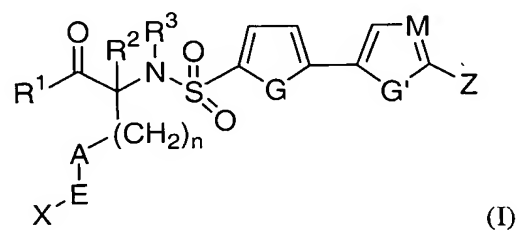


## ABSTRACT

Disclosed are compounds which are inhibitors of metalloproteases and which are effective in treating conditions characterized by excess activity of these enzymes. In particular, the compounds have a structure according to the following Formula (I):



where  $R^1$ ,  $R^2$ ,  $R^3$ ,  $n$ ,  $A$ ,  $E$ ,  $X$ ,  $G$ ,  $G'$ ,  $M$  and  $Z$  have the meanings described in the specification and the claims, as well as optical isomers, diastereomers and enantiomers of Formula I, and pharmaceutically-acceptable salts, biohydrolyzable amides, esters, and imides thereof. Also described are pharmaceutical compositions comprising these compounds, and methods of treating metalloprotease-related maladies using the compounds or the pharmaceutical compositions.